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Friends of the Dispatch would do us a favor by informing us promptly of any fuflure on the part of newsdealers, newsboys on raliroad trains, to meet the Information is also desired by us of the delinquency of any carrier of ours in Richmond, Manchester, or elsewhere.

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THE OYSTER QUESTION.

The oyster season is upon us. Now we may not only have oyster suppers, but ovster talks. The oyster laws are an ever-fruitful topic of discussion, and there are indications that the next political campaign and the next legislative session will be much occupied in considering it.

existing law, while their up-country kin are dissatisfied with the amount of revenue the oyster brings into the State Treasury. Last year one of the complainants in this respect was a member of the Legislature, representing a county which annually draws from the public

Many exaggerated and foolish things have been said about Virginia's oyster lands. Estimates have been made as to the revenue they ought to yield which are utterly absurd, yet they have made an impression upon the public mind. From the latest statistics we have seen the United States authorities value the entire pyster output of Virginia at about \$2,500,-900 per annum. Whether this sum includes the value of the oysters consumed by tongers' and planters' families we know not. Supposing that it does not, but remembering at what cost cysters are planted and marketed, it will be seen that the industry is not capable of enriching the State Treasury as many

persons imagine. But it is contended that if the State would adopt a more liberal policy with respect to leasing out her lands, the industry would grow amazingly. That may or may not be so-we do not know-it is a question that can only be settled by actual experiment. But the time has not yet come when such an experiment can be safely tried.

Virginia would better stick to her pres ent laws until they have been thoroughly tested. We do not mean by this that they should not be amended where experience has shown them to be faulty. Not at all. All their crudities should be corrected, but we earnestly hope no serious effort will be made to find a new basis for legislative tinkering. Fixity of tenure and security from legislative interference are essential to the success of the system.

Oystermen fight against increase of taxation just as the people of other sections of the State do, and whether they ought to do so or not it is a fact that they look upon what the State calls "rentals" as another name for taxation. However, we think it is to the interest of the oyster country to do all that it can do to make the present law a success financially and otherwise. It is not likely that a better law can be secured, especially as in the course of a few years the time will come when our State may be forced to search high and low for additional reve-

Our advice to our oyster friends is to make the best of the existing law and not to seek to reopen the general question. What the fair-minded public wishes is to see the oyster industry productive of a fair amount of net revenue. We do not think a large revenue is looked for at first. The hope is rather that from a small beginning the industry and the revenue will grow steadily.

PEARPUL TO CONTEMPLATE.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior shows that in July last we had on the pension rolls 993,714 pensioners. with 635,000 claims pending, of which 200,000 are new. Now we have, it is estimated, eston-list of more than 1,000,000, and ascal year \$144.651,697 was paid out in bunch as she.

pensions. Since the close of the civil war we have paid on this account \$2,251,-555,920, with \$70,996,313 additional in fees and other expenses incident to the sysem. To-day we are paying more annually on account of a war that ended over three decades ago than any one of several of the great powers of Europe pays for the maintenance of its entire military establishment.

Yet the American people are urged to endorse a policy the carrying out of which would necessitate such increase in our army and our navy as would, including pensions, make the cost of our naval and military establishments amount to some \$500,000,000 a year, Add to this the ordinary Subscriptions in all cases payable in adon the \$200,000,000 of war bonds we have war with Spain, the \$20,000,000 we are to of the horde of office-holders that would be employed in administering the government of the islands, and the taxation prospect is something fearful to contem-

THE LASH AND THE PILLORY.

Delaware is a little behindhand in some of her methods of punishment for criminals, or possibly it may be that she is up to date in the modern craze for antiques. At any rate she still uses the pillory as a means of subduing her malefactors. During the snow-storm last week two men stood in a pillory in the jail-yard at Newcastle, and for sixty minutes were exposed to the biting elements. The temperature at the time was incomfortably low and the men appeared to suffer no little. From an editorial in the Baltimore Herald, we are led to believe that even the jail officials thought the punishment was too severe. They threw blankets over the forms of the manacled law-breakers and humanely encased their shackled hands in gloves. Despite these acts of kindness, however, the malefactors were nearly stiff with cold when released. To add to the discomfort of one of the prisoners, he received thirty lashes on his bare back, administered by a cat o' nine tails in the hands of the Sheriff, and was then taken back to jail for a ten-year term of imprisonment.

nflict actual physical suffering on those reckless spirits who have lost their sense of decency and become insensible to their own degradation. Both the stocks and the pillory are at present used in Delaware and many New Jersey citizens are now endeavoring to have a revival of the ducking stool there.

The pillory practically saw its end at the beginning of this century, though Massachusetts, the great ranter against alleged wrongs to the negro race, appears to have clung to it tenaciously. In January, 1801, a man named Hawkins stood for an hour in a pillory in Salem, and had his ears cropped

This grim, old instrument of medieval days was used as a punishment for many offences in England. In its day it held many a good and famous man in its grasp. We have even heard of one unfortunate who suffered its embrace because he delivered false dinner invitations. He deserved what he got, as did also a practical joker who suffered the same penalty. But the pillory is as much out of place to-day as candle snuffers or spinnets, and its employment will strike the ordinary mind as a step backward.

WHO LAUGHS LAST.

Late news from the Philippines via Madrid is to the effect that the insurgents have decided not to recognize the cession of the islands to the United States, and will resist to the last. It is also claimed, dissatisfied with certain provisions of the says the cablegram conveying this interesting information, that the United States will require 70,000 troops to put down the rebellion. Further, it is alleged that the insurgents hold 10,000 Spanish prisoners whom they will force to serve against the Americans.

So, in addition to what our war with treasury more money than it puts in Spain has already cost us, we are to pay Spain \$10,000,000 for the privilege of civilizing the gentle Filipino in the same way we have been civilizing the "noble red man." As regards this whole Philippine business, it may become Spain's turn to laugh, and illustrate "who laughs last laughs best."

> The Young Men's Hebrew Association of Chicago, in preparing for a great charity bazaar, now in progress in the Windy City, hit upon a most happy idea, which will produce splendid financial results. All the celebrated beauties and singers of the stage were asked to send a doll, and the magnificent results of the message to these adorable favorites has been some thing incomparable.

Now, if there is any one thing of all others which women love to do, it is to dress a doll, and the footlight celebrities have proved that they are not exceptions to the rule. The bazaar will be literally flooded with dolls of the handsomest sort, and dressed in the finest of clothes. Indeed, some of the actresses must have spent great sums in complying with the request of the association. In nearly every case the puppets are arrayed in costumes representing the givers, and so they are doubly interesting. Viola Allen, who is starring in Hall Calne's "Christian," sent a doil represeting Gloria Qunyle, while Beatrice Mansfield contributed one representing Cyrano de Bergerac. Pauline Hall gave "The Chicago Girl of 1898"-a beautiful creation of wax and sawdust, which wears a real tallor-made suit of gray broadcloth, lined with cerise silk, and hat to match.

To read the letters which accompanied these pretty china and waxen babies is to see the actresses at their sweetest, and to recognize in them the most lovable traits of womanhood. Jessie Bartlett Davis, in her little note accompanying a doll, says; "I have made every stitch of clothes on this doll; you know what that means when you are studying a new role. If it is not to your liking, you must lay it to my tired head and hands. It is dressed exactly like my first act in 'The Serenade.' I hope you will get a good sum for her; she cost me over \$50; I only tell you so that you won't lose on her."

It is needless to say that the dolls will bring immense figures. The thirty-eight boxes of the bazaar have already brought

In the Michigan delegation recently elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress there are, out of twelve successful candidates, three who bear the unique name of Smith. The triumvirate who boast this unusual appellation are Henry C., Samuel W., and William Alden, and all of the trio have the moral courage to omit a final E from their names. They will be | Congregational Church. first, second, and third termers, respectively; all are lawyers, and all are hustlers in political and professional circles. There will doubtless be other Smiths in the outlook is that for some time the cry | Congress, but Michigan flatters herself e "still they come." For the last | that no other State will send so large a

FORCE BILL TALK.

While on the one hand Mr. McKinley and his advisers are pressing a movement that, if consummated, will even tually make States of a lot of islands over in the Pacific, that are inhabited, for the most part, by savages and semisavages, on the other they are considering the question of reducing some of the Southern States to the condition of satraples. While they feel constrained by their superabundance of "humanitarianism" to labor to extend the blessings of civilization to the polyglotic, polyethnic Philippines, they are at the same time, we are told, contemplating :

war on southern civilization. In other words, we are told that the President's plea to Congress for support of his imperialistic policy will probably be accompanied by the suggestion that another force bill be put upon the South. The President has been conferring recently with some of the malignants of the Republican party on the subject of the "recent race riots" in the South, and, says a Washington special, as Mr. Mc-Kinley, when a member of the House, voted for the old force bill, it is believed that he will favor the enactment of a measure drafted along similar lines. The same special also says that there is talk in Washington of the South's being honored during the coming session of Congress by the attention of special congres sional committees of investigation.

That is to say, it is proposed practically to go back to reconstruction days, with their visiting statesmen, suborned wit-Federal judicial usurpations, Federal bayonets at the polls, and efforts to put the white people under the heel of the negro. Of course, this programme will be ostensibly in the interest of the "poor, downtrodden man and brother." But even were it not demonstrable that the repressive measures of the past were not in the interest of the negro, the history of the operations of those measures show that Congress could not do the negro a worse turn than pass a new force bill. All the repressive legislation it may be in the power of Congress to enact will not prevent the white men of the South from ruling. At the same time, if a force bill is passed, that act will but make more apparent the hypocrisy of the claim of The purpose of the Delaware law is to Mr. McKinley and his advisers that they are the apostles of civilization.

> The New York Central Railroad Company has determined to erect a \$500,000 passenger depot on the site of the old Delavan Hotel, Albany. We are still hoping that some such good luck as this will come to Richmond before long.

The disagreeable position of the white officers of the Sixth Virginia Regiment (so-called), while entirely undeserved, is suggestive of the homely old saying to the effect that one cannot touch pitch without being blackened.

It is understood that the Astor Bank, of New York, has bought out the Sixth National Bank there. It is said that \$350 was paid for each share of stock.

Don Carlos's son, Don Jaime, seems to be having a good many brides chosen for him just now. Would they make a Mormon of him?

It is earnestly to be hoped that Spain's "sad but glorious" days will ere long be succeeded by happy though commonplace

The main difficulty about the Philippines seems to be that Aguinaldo comes with

The Jackson Ward incident is mildly suggestive of how it was in Wilmington, Baltimore is moving for all-night street-

cars. The need of such a convenience in Richmond is felt by newspaper men.

Secretary Alger's report is out to-day, but what the people really wish to see is an anti-Alger report.

One of the World's Ways. (Chicago News.)

Some men are born to follow. And some are born to lead; Some men are born to order, And some are born to heed.

But he that leads his fellows Who trail along behind May have a life companion Who makes him meekly mind,

And they that heed directions Which other men expound At home are more than likely To boss their wives around

BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING.

ernor Kent's Daughter.

The Marriage of Ex-Lieutenant Gov-WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 1.-(Special.)-At "Bowling Green," the beautiful and hospitable homestead of ex-Lieutenant-Governor Robert C. Kent, this afternoon at 5 o'clock was witnessed a pretty and most impressive marriage ceremony, that which united the lives of Miss Elizabeth Patton, daughter of Gov-ernor and Mrs. Kent, and Mr. Edward Cosby Darling, of New Kensington, Pa. The ceremony, which was witnessed only by the relatives and a few special friends of the families, took place in the spacious parlors, Rev. T. P. Barclay, of the Pres-byterian church, paster of the bride, officiating. The house decorations consisted of cedar and holly. The blending of the of cedar and holly. The blending of the bright red berries of the latter with the deep green foliage, together with the many beautiful shaded red lights, gave a most pleasing effect to the scene. The bride was handsomely gowned in white satin and rose point lace veil, and carried beautiful bride's roses. Her sister, Miss Anas P. Kent, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of white brocaded silk, and carried red roses. The bride's other at-tendants were Miss Flora Stuart, Miss Nellie Caldwell, cousins of the bride; Miss Sue Spiller, Miss Fannie Fulton, Miss Helen Moore, and Miss Nellie Sayers. They were attired in white organdle, with cherry velvet crushed girdles and collars. and carried red chrysanthemums. ventional black Prince Albert. His best man was his brother, Mr. Fred, Darling, of Warren. Pa. The ushers were Cadet Captain Joseph Cloyd Kent and Joseph F Captain Joseph Cloyd Kent, brother and cousin, respectively, of Kent, brother and cousin, respectively, and the Kent, brother and cousin, respectively, and respectively. the bride's; Robert Sayers, Jr.; Dr. Ed-ward P. McGavock, of Max Meadows; Dr. John D. Thomas, of Washington city, and Walter Taylor, of Norfolk. After the ceremony a large reception was held, which was attended by the numerous

was served. Mr. and Mrs. Darling left on was served. The 120 train for their future home, carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends in old Virginia. The bride is Governor Kent's second daughter, and is one of Wytheville's most charming and popular young ladies. The groom is an active business-man of New Kensington. He comes of an old New England family, Funeral of Mr. Oppenhimer. FORK UNION, December 1.—(Special.)— From the Baptist church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon took place the funeral of Mr. A. Oppenhimer, whose death, after a long and painful illness, occurred in Richmond Tuesday morning.

friends of Governor and Mrs. Kent. Du

ring the evening a most elegant collat-

The exercises were conducted by his pastor, Dr. G. H. Snead, assisted by Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, who is taking a few days of recreation at his country residence. The speakers referred to Mr. Oppenhimer's devotion to Christian duties, and to his remarkably-successful business career. The interment was at "Corinth Hill," in his family cemetery, which is located near the scene of his first business yentures, made forty-eight years ago. To ventures, made forty-eight years ago. To his children, six in number, all of whom were present on the sad occasion, he gave an example of indomitable industry, and he leaves the priceless legacy of a good

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

The Texas Expected-Case of Cap tain Munroc.

NORFOLK, VA., December 1.-(Special. The reassembling of the North Atlantic squadron in Hampton Roads, which has by other tailors for \$20 a suit. been delayed owing to the non-completion of repairs on the big ships at New York will be hastened now in preparation for the winter cruise. The battleship Texas Captain Sigsbee, is expected to join the flagship New York off Old Point Comfort to-morrow morning, and as soon a the other ships assigned to the squadro arrive in the Roads the fleet under mand of Commodore Philip will sail the southern winter drill-grounds off Car Charles. Naval officers say that the pratice evolutions this winter will be base largely upon the experiences of the block ade and patrol off Cuba during the war. Captain Concas, of the Spanish ravy, who commanded the flagship Infanta Maria Teresa, of Cervera's squadron, and who was a prisoner of war at the Marine Hospital on this station for some time has sent several of his pictures to the naval surgeons who were on duty at th hospital during his confinement ther They are intended as tokens of his approciation of the kindly attention paid to himself and his men

The case of Captain N. V. Munroe, of the British ship Canada, charged with concealing his first mate, K. B. Crosby, who, it was alleged, murdered one or two of the Canada's crew when she was in this port last summer, was further heard by Justice Tomlin, in the Police Court,

The Court held that there was no proc of murder's having been committed, and the warrant against Captain Munroe was dismissed. Shortly after leaving the court-room Captain Munroe applied at police headquarters for protection from several of the Canada's crew, who were following him about in an effort to obtain wages which they claim to be due them Captain-of-Police Prince detailed Detective Snowden as a guard for the Nova Scot captain. Later Captain Munroe had the men, seven in all, arrested apon peace warrants. They were bailed in the sum

BRUNSWICK.

Jones on Trial for Wife-Murder-A Shooting Affray.

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., December 1. (Special.)-H. B. Jones, the colored preacher, charged with murdering his wife, was indicted by the grand jury at this term of our County Court, and was arraigned on Tuesday. Owing to the abnce of a material witness for the defence the trial was adjourned until yes-tion for assistant physician will be held terday morning, but since then the bring-in January. The election comes off the wealth has progressed slowly, owing to 'Squire Thomas P. Larus, of Henrico, its purely circumstantial character, and was here to-day, and met many of his the minute details that must of necessity old friends. ing out of the evidence for the Common- 15th of April next.

the minute details that must of necessity be gone into.

An ugly shooting affray was reported to-day from Gholsonville, in this county. It occurred yesterday better the county of the c tween Mr. Larkins Rawlings and Mr. Jud-Thomason, two prominent citizens of their neighborhood. A quarrel arose between them in regard to the hiring of a horse, and some hot words passed, but no encounter took place, and Mr. Bewilliags. no encounter took place, and Mr. Rawlings proceeded to his home and Mr. Thomason to Gholsonville. Shortly afterwards, it tunately, bent forward, and the charge fever. struck above him. Thomason then grasp-ed Rawlings's bridle-rein, and as he did so Rawlings's priote-rein, and as he did the Denmead Ice Plant, is in Newport the gun at him. Rawlings then rode off.

A warrant has been issued for him. A warrant has been issued for his arrest returned home, after a delightful visit to

FAUQUIER.

Triplett-Spilman Marriage - Warrenton Personals.

WARRENTON, VA., December 1 .-(Special.)-The marriage of Miss Lucy Spilman, of Jeffersonton, to Mr. Triplett, of Upper Fauquier, this evening, was Death of a Respected Citizen-Charlargely attended by Warrenton's society people. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Nelson, and Mr. Appleton played the wedding march. Misses Nannie Spilman, Lena Fletcher, and Alvs. Torner, of this place, were her brides maids. A large reception was given th happy couple at the house of the bride's cousin, Mr. Tolston, of Jeffersonton. The bride is a sister of Mr. Edward Spilman, Jr., of Warrenton, and has numerous relatives in Richmond. Mrs. C. S. Carter entertained a num-

er of friends Wednesday afternoon at Pinckney Craig, of Baltimore,

came down to-day for a week with Mr. Isham Keith, to enjoy the hunting and ook for several horses. Miss Fannie Cockran, of the Plains and Miss Barry, of Washington, are visit-ng the Misses Fair.

ing the Misses Fair.

Miss Charlotte Nelson leaves on Tuesday for Buffalo, N. Y., where she will visit Miss Josephine Dickson, who is well known in Richmond society.

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JAMES CITY.

Oysters Very Poor-Road-Machine-Williamsburg Notes.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 1 .-(Special.)-One of the largest oysterplanters on York river was here to-day, and stated that the bivalves this season were as poor as he had ever seen them. Some heavy shipments are being made to northern markets to be replanted.

The James City supervisors, at their last meeting, purchased a new and improved road machine, which has just been received, and is now in service on cur county roads doing good work. Next to the school-tax, the road-tax is one of the the school-tax, the road-tax is one of the heaviest that county property-holders have to pay, and from year to year they have had nothing to show for this ex-penditure of money. Herstfore, our road-mending consisted in clearing out ditches and threwing the dirt from them on the road-bed, to be washed off again by the

County- and City-Treasurer Thomas G. Wynne has secured quarters in the bank building in the rear of the post-office, and will move in as soon as his new furniture

So far there are five applicants for the position at the Eastern State Hospital, made vacant by the death of Dr. Mon-cure. There are also three gentlemen applying for assistant's place, but no elec-tion for assistant physician will be held

Commonwealth's-Attorney Cyrus

Mr. Walter Burns, who was so ill for several weeks, was out to-day, and the latest from Miss Lottie Lane, daughter to Ghoisonville. Shortly atterwards, it is stated, Mr. Rawlings appeared with a shotgun, rode up to Mr. Thomason, who of General James H. Lane, of Auburn, was seated with Mr. W. W. Wesson by a cotton-gin, and fired a load of shot at proved, and strong hopes are now enterproved. otton-gin, and fired a load of shot at proved, and strong hopes are now enter-Thomason's head. Thomason, for- tained for her recovery. She has typhoid-

other Mrs. Doxle Donnegan. Mr. Horace Davis, from Hampton, is visiting his uncle, Captain Edward May-nard, at Bigelow's, on York river, Mr. Arthur Shootey, from Richmond, is

ALBEMARLE.

lottesville Notes.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 1.-(Special.)-Mr. James Harlow, an old and highly respected citizen who lived in Southern Albemarle, is dead, at the age of 86, after an exceptionally active and useful life. He leaves an aged wife and three children, of whom one is Mr. James Harlow of this city. The funeral took place this afternoon from Cunningham church, of which deceased had long been a member. He was widely known as Gentleman Jim Harlow.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has elected the following officers: Director, charles W. Hulfish; Vice-Director, L. L. Macon, Jr.; Secretary, J. Walker Anderson; Treasurer, E. I. Caruthers.

This evening the Bible institute, con-

lucted by Dr. C. A. Young, of the University, was inaugurated at the Christian Moses Johnson, a desperate negro, who

assaulting a policeman, has escaped from the city chain-gang, where he was serv ng a term for some recent offence.
Lieutenant A. F. Rix, of the Fourth Licutenant A. F. Kix, of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, now stationed at Savannah, is at the Gleason. He is recruiting from the Second and Third regiments to fill out the ranks of the Fourth.

Among the speakers at the horticultural convention to meet here next week, with he Colonal Register of the Division.

will be Colonel Brackett, of the Division of Pomology, of the Department of Agrior Pomology, of the Department of Agri-culture. His subject will be, "New Apples Likely to Succeed in Virginia." Sergeant John Maddox returned this morning from Washington with his bride, formerly Miss Florence E. Terrell, of this

NEWPORT NEWS.

The Elks-Prospect Bright for Many Launchings.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 1 .-(Special.)-Newport News Lodge, No. 215. B. P. O. Elks, will hold its annual lodge of sorrow, or memorial services, Sunday dies, Uva Ursi, Juniper Berries, and afternoon at the Opera-House. The memorial address will be delivered by Charles - H. Krupp, of Baltimore Lodge, curative agents are harmoniously com- No. 7. Other features of the programme will be given by local talent. The tickets and it is believed that the Opera-House will be crowded, as on previous occasions. The probable dates of completion of the warships now building at this yard, as estimated by the naval constructors, are as follows: Battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, August 1, 1899; battleship Illi-nois, April 1, 1990; battleship Wisconsin, June II, 1901; monitor Arkansas, January II, 1901. The four Morgan Liners and two domwell Liners will all be completed du-ring the next year. The prospects for nu-merous launching here in the near future

are particularly bright.

Bids have been asked for by the Navy
Department for the large 12-inch guns for bettieship Missouri, now building The guns for the Kearsarge and here. Kentucky, as well as the Illinois, are now stored in the Washington gun-factory, eady to be transferred to the ship-yard

The mortuary report of Health-Officer Bugby for November shows that there were during the month twenty deaths in Hood's Pills cast to operate. If cents, the city and three in the county.

PETERSBURG COUNCIL, And Norfolk and Western Obstruc tion of a Street.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 1 .- (Sp cial.)-At a meeting of the Council night, a letter was read from Vice-President Barr, received after a meeting of the officials of the Norfolk and Western and the special committee appointed by the last Council, in regard to the obstruction of Second street in this city by the Norfolk and Western railroad, in which he said the use of this street was entirely reasonable. He suggested two ways by which the missance could be abated—a visduct and a belt line around the city. In his letter Mr. Barr said a survey was now being made for a belt line, but he did not say how long it would be before some definite action would be taken by the Norfolk and Western. Hon. W. P. McHwaine addressed the Council on this subject and earnestly argued that something be done to abate the nuisance, at the same time stating that he had been employed by the farmers of Ches terfield county, whose main entrance to the city is through Second street, to take legal steps in the matter.

The following resolution was unani-mously adopted: "That it is the sense of this Council that the matter cannot, and will not, be allowed to rest where it is put by the letter of Mr. Barr; that the Norfolk and Western railroad must at once take steps looking to a more immediate solution of this question; that the committee appointed by the Council, before taking further action, confer again with the Norfolk and Western railroad, provided a conference is at once sought by the railroad authorities." A bicycle ordinance was passed, allowing the bicyclists greater privileges than they have heretofore had.

SENATOR PRITCHARD'S VIEWS.

Discussion of the Qualified-Suffrage Question-Democratic Opinion.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 1.-(Spe cial.)-Senator Pritchard hints at a possible reduction of the congressional representation of North Carolina in case the negro vote is eliminated. Democrats tell him and his party openly and plainly, that they are perfectly willing to have this done, and that they would be better off entirely unrepresented in Congress i the price paid for such representation it to be the control of the State and county affairs by negroes and white Republican

Such things as Senator Pritchard's let ter will do more than aught else to cause the passage of an educational and pro-perty qualification law to eliminate the egro vote. While some Democratic lead ers assure your correspondent that they believe the enactment of a good election law will answer all purposes, yet there are many who think disfranchisement are many who the wiser course. They contend that the mass of the white voters expect that course. Republicans and Populists have course. Republicans and Populists have said they expect it and that the whites will not be satisfied with anything less than the absolute elimination of the ne-gro vote. The Populist State chairman hade that statement to me directly

with marked earnestness.

It is quite evident that this franchise question is to be the great one before the Legislature. Second only to it will be the question of using white taxes for white chools and negro taxes for negro schools This also is one of the burning question Years ago what was known as the Dortch bill was introduced to cover this matter, but it failed to become operative.

Lexington Notes.

LEXINGTON, VA.. December 1.—(Spe-ial.)—General Scott Shipp, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, is in re-selpt of an invitation from the authori-ies of the Atlanta Peace Jubilee, inviting the battallon of cadets to participate in he grand parade in Atlanta on December ith.

the grand parade in Atlanta on December 16th.

The congregation of the Lexington Baptist cjurch has extended a call to Rev. T. A. Hall, of Greenville, Tenn., to become their pastor, vice Rev. Thomas A. Johnston, who resigned to accept a call to a Baptist church at Hagerstown, Md. The marriage of Miss Lulu Semmes, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Thomas M. Semmes, of the Virginia Military Institute, to Mr. William Archer Roberts, of Washington, D. C., is announced to take place December 7th, at 8 P. M., in Grace-Memorial Episcopal church, Lexington, Va. Cards of invitation have been received

Cards of invitation have been received in Lexington to the marriage of Miss Helen Stanhope Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cross, of Kingston, N. Y., to Mr. Herbert Rush Preston, of Baltimore, son of the late Colonel and Mrs. J. T. L. Preston. The marriage ceremony takes place in Kingston, N. Y., Thursday, December 8th, at 5 o'clock. The increased business of the Lexington Telephone Company has caused the company to put in their exchange a new switchboard of 150 drops in place of their old one of 100, which will be taken to Buena Vista to do service there. The telephone line from the Rockbridge Alum to the Warm Springs is completed, and now in use. Communication from this place can now be had with Milboro' Springs, Bath Alum, and Warm Springs.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA. December I.—
(Special.)—The Newport News and Old
Point Railway and Electric Company, W.
J. Payne, of Richmond, president, to-day
entered suit in the Circuit Court against
the city of Newport News for \$39,000, and
also against M. Honan & Son, the sewer
contractors, for \$20,000. This suit against
the city, which is the first in the history of
Newport News, and that against the men
who contracted to put down a sewer system for \$75,000, is the outcome of conditions brought about in laying the pipes
in East End parallel to the car line. The
construction of the sewer necessitated,
according to the views of the contractor,
interruption of traffic on the road, and
matters were fixed so that the cars could
not pass in East End, and passengers
were obliged to walk half a square from
car to car.

Andrew Carnegie on the National

Drama. To the Editor of the New York World: The first act of the drama ends at Paris--the curtain falls.

An ancient and illustrious nation, the discoverer of the New World, once the mightiest of empires, has been overthrown by a young giant, the proclaimed "Champion of the Oppressed," the "Deliverer," whose keen sword is drawn not for aggrandizement, but for Humanity. The second act shifts to Manila-the urtain is soon to rise,

What is the second act to show? That is still to be revealed.

Is the Deliverer to "deliver," true to his yow, or is he to prove false? Is Humanity still his sovereign, or is selfish gain his idol? Is the "Champion" to be welcomed by the oppressed, or to be him-self the "Oppressor"? Are the volunteers to remain, or demand prompt return ace having been declared?

Are the native soldiers to hall the 'De liverer," or find in him an enemy?

Is the President to appear, proclaiming himself only the Protector of the islands. that they may securely establish inde-pendence, stating that territorial aggran dizement having been disclaimed wher the sword was drawn, territorial aggran dizement shall not be the result of the war, or is he to attempt the thorny task of wrenching the lands of the Filipinos from them to keep the people subject to

Is he, who told Congress "forcible ac quisition is criminal aggression," to heall, and pass into history to be pillorled there, the first American President so to pass, as foul with dishonor?

Upon these factors rests the plot of the second act, which still lies upon the lap of the gods.

May the evil spirits fall which tempt

men and nations to trend the degrading path of shame, and may the good gods prevail which hold holv guard over men and nations and keep them in the narrow pa of Honor, that the great Republic, to which men of other lands have hitherto looked for high example, may not be disgraced, and that her sons may find in her history no page which brings to their cheeks the blush of shame! ANDREW CARNEGIE:

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